

# BALSU SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER

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## Seasonal Agricultural Workers Trainings

Over 15 thousand seasonal agricultural workers will start hazelnut harvest soon in the provinces of Sakarya and Düzce.

As Balsu, we are in the field with our Social Workers to support farmers and improve working and living conditions of hazelnut workers.



Seasonal agricultural workers are visited at their living areas, after their working hours. We keep raising awareness of compliance through trainings of occupational health and safety, good social practices and COVID-19 measures.

After the trainings, we provide personal protective equipment that will protect workers against risks at hazelnut gardens and hygiene kits to be used in accommodation areas.



## Workshops will be held within the Children Protection Project' 2021

In cooperation with Young Lives Foundation, we will reach the children of seasonal migrant agricultural worker families in accommodation areas in Sakarya, Düzce and Ordu as part of "In a Nutshell'2021" children protection project.

As every year since 2014, children will be directed to workshops after family engagement and identifying working/at risk children.

During the harvest period, children will be supported with activities for their physical and psychosocial development in workshops to be held by teachers in safe areas.

We aim to reach 3200 children in safe areas as well as "origin" places for 2021 harvest.



## Integrated Pest Management for fall webworms (*Hyphantria cunea*)

Within the scope of the cooperation protocol of Balsu and Düzce University, integrated pest management steps were adopted in the fight against the fall webworm (*Hyphantria cunea*) pest, density is high in Düzce region. For the second time, the intentional release of the beneficial insect as a biocontrol agent, which was produced in Düzce University Faculty of Agriculture, was carried out in the hazelnut garden in Düzce province of Cumayeri district.

We support sustainable agricultural practices that maximize productivity and profit while minimizing environmental impact.

